

On June 24, 2016 the following departments; the Isleta Elderly Center, Isleta Volunteer Fire Department, Isleta Police Department, and myself met with the American Red Cross (Disaster Relief) to begin a campaign to install smoke detectors in the homes of our elders who were interested in receiving them. The Elderly Center staff kicked off the event by giving out notices when they would deliver meals on their daily routes. Once they had received feedback from interested elders, a date was scheduled to begin the installation. The American Red Cross provided (for free) all of the smoke detectors, a home fire safety checklist, as well as an acknowledgement form for the services provided.

On Friday August 19, 2016 the staff from the Elderly Center along with members from the Isleta Volunteer Fire Department went out to the homes and installed the detectors.

On Saturday August 20, 2016 the Fire Department along with the Isleta Police Department and I finished installing the detectors.

On both days we were all greeted warmly by the elders who were happy that this type of program was taking place within our community.

I would like to personally acknowledge all of our volunteers and Miss Sandra Darling-Roberts from the American Red Cross and say THANK YOU. The Home Fire Preparedness Campaign couldn't have been this successful without your help and the time that you all gave to this worthwhile and positive event. We all worked as a team to install smoke detectors in 23 homes and also provided home fire safety information.

I would like to personally Thank the following individuals.

Isleta Elderly Center; Rita Jojola, Director; Juan Rey Abeita; Pat Lynn Lucero; Remijo Abeita; Natasha Jiron; Jeff Jojola; Eugene Jojola.

Isleta Volunteer Fire Department; Mike Jiron, Fire Chief; Leonard Garcia; Ben Garcia; Kevin Garcia; Jacob Abeita; Robert David.

Isleta Police Department; Kathy Lucero, Detective.

This campaign is ongoing for the remainder of 2016. If anyone is interested in having smoke detectors installed, you can contact me at the numbers below to schedule an appointment. Just remember that having smoke detectors installed in your home can double a person's chances of surviving should a fire occur.

Respectfully,

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